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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DEGREE IN ENGINEERING
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that engineers from Indian Colleges find it difficult to get jobs overseas as their degrees are not recognized internationally, particularly a degree in engineering from a non-IIT college; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): According to Association of Indian Universities, they have never come across any difficulty being faced by Indian students holding engineering degree other than IITs as engineering degrees awarded by Indian Universities including IITs are largely held in high regard for their quality and are accepted at the corresponding level in other countries. The National Board of Accreditation (NBA) of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), a statutory body responsible for accreditation, has been taking steps to encourage technical institutes to seek accreditation of their technical programmes as in many countries professional registration as practicing Engineers is allowed only to graduates of accredited programmes. NBA is also trying to become a signatory to the Washington Accord, which will ensure substantial equivalence of degrees at par with the member countries of the Accord i.e. USA, UK, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Ireland, Japan, Hong Kong, and New Zealand, for the purpose of professional registration as practicing engineers.